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CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment.

In The Claims

Cancel claims 1-22.

Add new claims 23-42.

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23. (new) An abrasive article suitable for the deposition and mechanical polishing of a conductive material, the article comprising:

A polishing layer having a textured surface comprising a binder and a second surface opposite the textured surface, the polishing layer further comprising a first channel extending therethrough;

A backing having a first backing surface and a second backing surface, the first backing surface associated with the second surface of the polishing layer, the backing comprising a second channel coextensive with the first channel and extending through the backing from the first backing surface to the second backing surface; and

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